

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-4 and 13-21 (renumbered as 1-13 respectively) are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest in claims 1, 20, and 21:

the second node having a data conversion unit configured to receive the first DV video signal from the DV data processing unit of the first node via the IEEE1394 bus, convert the first DV video signal to a second video signal, and output the second video signal generated by conversion of the first DV video signal in the second node in synchronism with an external reference signal from the second node, an external synchronizing signal receiver for receiving the external reference signal provided on at least one of the first and second nodes, and a synchronization adjustment unit for synchronizing a frequency of the cycle start packet output from the cycle master with a frequency of the external reference signal received by the external synchronizing signal receiver, by carrying out feedback control of a clock source frequency of the cycle master using the external reference signal, such that the transfer of the first DV video signal to the second node is synchronized with the output of the second video signal from the second node.

Further, the combination of the set forth limitations with all of the other limitations in the respective independent claims (1, 20, and 21) are not obvious. Applicant has argued this limitation on pages 7 and 8, of Applicant's Arguments filed 1-30-2012. This limitation finds support in the specification on page 7, line 24 to page 10, line 28, and Figure 1. The prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the above recited combination.

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